



THE DUNDALK GROUP OF PARISHES

Dundalk: St Nicholas' Dundalk; St Paul's Heynestown.
Ballymascanlan & Carlingford: St Mary's Ballymascanlan; St Andrew's Rathcor (Bush)
Crossmaglen: Creggan Parish Church

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2021



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Safeguarding Trust is the Church of Ireland's policy to safeguard all children sharing in its ministry from all forms of harm and abuse (see www.sg.ireland.anglican.org). Each parish has a panel whose task it is to oversee the implementation of Safeguarding Trust. The panel members in the Dundalk Group of Parishes are Ken Donald (Ballymascanlan), Muriel Grills (Bush), Debbie Donaldson (Creggan), Trevor Patterson (Dundalk), and Alvin Coyle (Heynestown). If you experience, or are aware of, any form of child abuse through involvement in parish activities, please contact a member of the panel. *Contact details are posted in all churches.*

Dear Parishioners helping to spread the Gospel.

It is more than a year since the dreadful Covid virus entered our consciousness and our country. More than four thousand families have lost loved ones prematurely. May God bring comfort to them. We are encouraged that the roll-out of the vaccines combined with following protocols will bring the disease under control.

Following the Gospel readings, on the first Sunday in Lent, we read in St Mark of the baptism of Jesus followed by his departure into the wilderness to be tempted. We see that period as a time of reflection and preparation for His ministry. On the 2nd Sunday of Lent we read:

'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again.'

On the third Sunday we got a flavour of the type of man Jesus was when he drove out the traders from the Temple. When challenged, he said: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again'. Of course, the listeners did not understand that the temple was his own body and not the building which had taken more than forty-five years to build.

The following Sunday we celebrate motherhood. We can and we need to celebrate. We can still enjoy the simple pleasures like dressing-up, preparing together a special meal at home. We can enjoy the video calls with those who cannot be present, the walks close to home. Last month I mentioned the first snowdrop; crocuses have appeared since then and on 27th February, I noticed the first daffodil in our garden, then, 20th when out close by we saw a row of daffodils on a sheltered bank. We hear about lambs in the fields, I haven't seen any as our neighbouring farmers have no sheep.

We are not expecting churches to open during March and Joyce and I will continue to record services for each Sunday and also a mid-week Lenten service. Many thanks to those who recorded sections of the services and sent them to us. Congratulations to those who had to learn the new skill of recording and transmitting.

Lord God whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the suffering of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God bless us all,

Richard.

Online & Services - MARCH

ROI SERVICES IN MARCH ALL ONLINE WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM ACROSS THE RURAL DEANERY

Week commencing 7th

ONLINE - 10am - The 3rd Sunday in Lent

Week commencing 14th

ONLINE - 10am - The 4th Sunday in Lent

Week commencing 21st

ONLINE - 10am - The 5th Sunday in Lent

Week commencing 28th

ONLINE - 10am - The 6th Sunday in Lent
If there are parishioners who are willing to read and record parts of the readings or prayers, *please let Richard know. Tel: 086-8936024/042-9321402/041-6851327 Email: richwmoore@yahoo.ie*



On 14 March, we are hoping to have a memorial service for all who have died since Covid restrictions were imposed, (approx 1 March 2020) This is open to parishioners of parishes in Creggan and Louth and also to relatives and friends of those who tune in to the weekly online service from Creggan and Louth.

If you would like a loved one's name and/or photo included in the service, please let Joyce have the details you wish to include, by 7th March

NAME
PHOTO (optional)
DATE of BIRTH (optional)
DATE of DEATH (optional)

The information can be sent to Joyce on WhatsApp or by email

WhatsApp: 087 746 8866 Email: moorejoyce72@gmail.com

How to access all online services:

(copy & paste the below links)

⇒ Pass on the newsletter email address to join our mailing list. dundalkcoinewsletter@gmail.com

⇒ Visit the St. Nicholas' Parish Church website <https://stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com/recorded-service-at-11am>

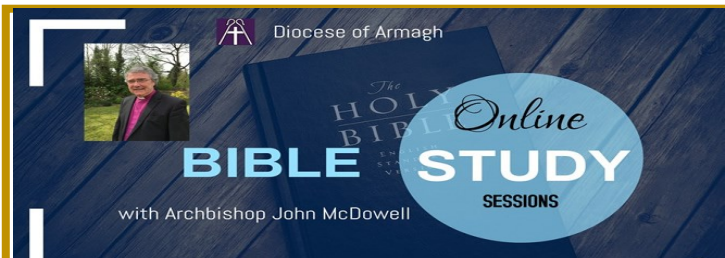
⇒ **SUBSCRIBE** to our **youtube** channel <https://youtu.be/03WmMqrCfgo>

⇒ Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/dundalkgroupogparishes/>



Click the link below for the 4-Part series of short videos of hymns to "Zing us into Spring", as we can't sing in church at the moment. I hope you enjoy it. Thank you for tuning in.

<https://stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com/groups>



Online BIBLE STUDY with Archbishop John McDowell is still available from the GREEN CHURCH website.



Click on either below link



<https://stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com/bible-study>

<http://armagh.anglican.org/News/ArchbishopJohnBibleStudies.html>



Lent services for March will be all **online** and we hope to continue to include parishioners reading and music from across the parishes.

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WE ALL MUST DO IT TO GET THROUGH IT



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Covid-19 public health guidance: Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland. Public health guidance and restrictions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus are outlined at the following links from the Northern Ireland Executive and the Government of Ireland.

Northern Ireland – Lockdown (to Maundy Thursday, 1st April)
Republic of Ireland – Level 5 (to Easter Monday, 5th April)

Phased changes in regulations in both jurisdictions will follow in the coming weeks. Police on both sides of the border are also advising members of the public to be aware of potential scams relating to the Covid-19 vaccine.

Coronavirus COVID-19

Stay safe. Protect each other.



Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Advice

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Bishop Isessmo and the diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Also Bishop Suheil and the diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Thanksgiving for the Lord's presence with us and the keeping of His church in these difficult times
- Healing for those with Covid-19 and other illnesses and conditions at this time.
- Those in hospital, nursing care and those cared for at home
- For our governments and those making decisions
- Our young people and children, their homes and families also schools and all who work in education.
- The homeless, unemployed and destitute.
- Pray for God's guidance in this time of vacancy.



More parishioners are now donating through online banking, even when Churches where open. See below for details of St. Nicholas' Dundalk, St. Mary's Ballymascanlan and St. Andrew's Bush.

The account details of St Nicholas' Parish Church.

account name:

Dundalk Select Vestry

IBAN:

IE30 BOFI 9033 6516 1383 46

BIC: BOFIE2D

The account details of St Marys, Ballymascanlan and St Andrews, Bush.

account name:

Ballymascanlan Rathcor union,

IBAN:

IE95 AIBK 9324 5023 4780 63

BIC: AIBKIE2D



NEW Free Will Offering envelopes will be ready for everyone on return to in-Church worship